

REMARKS

Claims 5-9, 11, 13-14 remain in this application. Claims 5, 11, and 13 are amended. Claims 1-4, 10, and 12 are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been canceled. Applicant has amended Claim 13, taking into consideration the suggestion made by the Examiner. The amendment made to Claim 13 should remove the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsu (5,537,877); Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Thorn (5,890,406). Claim 12 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 5 to include all the limitations of the original Claims 5, 10 and 12. Thus, Claim 5 should now be allowable. Claims 10 and 12 are canceled. Claims 6-9, 11, and 13-14, which depend from Claim 5, should now also become allowable. A dependent claim should be considered allowable when its parent claim is allowed. In re McCarn, 101 U.S.P.Q. 411 (CCPA 1954).

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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